

A fight to the death

U.S. soldiers killed in Niger battle were alone, outgunned. — International, 2A



Leading the way

Renowned physicist devotes life to helping kids in math, science. — High Profile, 1D

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In the news

■ **Emanuel Jones**, a Georgia senator, suspects racial motives are behind the state Senate's approval of measures to set new boundaries for predominantly black Stockbridge, which he represents, and include the carved-out territory in a new city called Eagle's Landing that would have more white residents.

■ **Larry Flowers**, the road manager for Warren County, Miss., said the county will temporarily shut down the Kings Point Ferry, the only access to an island of hunting camps and timber farms, as he works to hire new ferry pilots, after one pilot died and another quit.

■ **Cara Lucy O'Connor**, an Irish 6-year-old, wrote to NASA saying "you need to fix this problem for me" and make Pluto a planet again, which inspired a reply from a noncommittal James Green, the director of NASA's Planetary Science Division, who said "Pluto is a fascinating place that we need to continue to study."

■ **Marion O'Malley's** appointment as district attorney in Susquehanna County, Pa., is the basis of a court challenge by former assistant prosecutor William Urbanski, who had himself sworn in as district attorney when his predecessor died and argues that a judge misinterpreted a residency requirement used to remove him from the position.

■ **Mohammad Imran**, 24, was sentenced to death after confessing in court to killing eight girls in Pakistan, including a 7-year-old whose rape and murder led to violent protests last month in which two people died.

■ **Phyllis Chikundura** with Zimbabwe's Anti-Corruption Commission called for the University of Zimbabwe to produce a "paper trail" to prove that Grace Mugabe, the former first lady, actually studied for a doctorate that she received from the university.

■ **Mike Crager**, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2006, opened a boxing gym in Monroe City, Mo., that specializes in helping people with the disease try to slow its progression through flexibility, balance, light weight training and boxing drills.

■ **Joseph Gaines** was sentenced to life in prison and ordered to pay back \$810,000 that he stole after persuading elderly clients of his Lubbock, Texas, insurance agency to buy annuities.

■ **Marty Lester**, the head of the private Brookstone School in Columbus, Ga., said parents' response to an announcement that the school would start drug-testing all students in grades 8-12 has been overwhelmingly positive.

WEATHER

LITTLE ROCK
Today A chance of showers.
High 58, light variable winds.
Tonight Rain chances continuing.
Low 54.



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National security adviser H.R. McMaster said Saturday in Munich that while Russian meddling in U.S. elections was undeniable, "we are already improving our ability to defeat these pernicious threats."



The "Running Razorback" emblem is used by the Razorback Foundation under what a University of Arkansas, Fayetteville official calls "an oral trademark license."

Lawyers question UA logo sharing

Trademark pacts not set in writing

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The Razorback Foundation has free use of University of Arkansas, Fayetteville trademarks that others must pay to display, an arrangement set by "oral" agreements and university policy that outside attorneys find lacking.

The foundation bears the "Razorback" name, and UA's "Running Razorback" emblem is the centerpiece of its official logo. A side silhouette of a forward-charging hog appears on the foundation's website, fundraising documents and communication with donors.

UA and foundation officials have cited the nonprofit's independence — it is governed by its own board of directors — and have said it receives no public money, so they can withhold from public release documents about foundation business

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Candidate filing time at hand for 173 seats

State, U.S., judicial positions in mix

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After months of talk, the time has come to put pen to form: Filing starts Thursday for Arkansans seeking to run for the 173 state and federal offices on the ballot this year.

The seats up for election include all seven state constitutional offices, all four U.S. House seats, 17 state Senate seats and all 100 state House seats, plus judicial positions.

Filing for partisan offices begins at noon Thursday; filing for nonpartisan judicial offices opens at 3 p.m. The filing period ends on March 1 at the same times.

Republicans, who hold all of the state's federal and constitutional offices, plan to

strengthen their stranglehold on the state Legislature and target county offices.

Democrats hope to capitalize on a base energized by the election of Republican President Donald Trump and by promising results in recent special elections in other states to regain many of the seats they've lost in recent cycles after years of political dominance.

Since he was elected state Democratic Party chairman last year, Rep. Michael John Gray, D-Augusta, has said he's aiming to run Democrats in each state legislative district. All four Republican congressional incumbents have drawn Democratic op-

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Florida grief turns into activism



AP/GERALD HERBERT

Morning fog on Saturday enshrouds 17 memorial crosses for the victims of the shooting Wednesday at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla.

Arkansan ushered in guns-research curbs

Dickey came to regret 1990s push that halted CDC firearms-violence studies

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WASHINGTON — As the victims of the latest mass shooting are mourned and buried, some Americans say it's time to revisit the Dickey Amendment, legislative language that has hampered government-funded research on gun violence prevention for more than two decades.

Drafted and championed by then-U.S. Rep. Jay Dickey,

R-Ark., the legislative provision states that "none of the funds made available for injury prevention and control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) may be used to advocate or promote gun control."

When it was first proposed in 1996, it was coupled with a \$2.6 million cut in funding for the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, the amount the

center had spent on firearms studies the previous year, according to Mark Rosenberg, the injury center's director at the time.

The money was eventually restored but designated for the study of traumatic brain injuries.

As a research organization, the injury center works to "study violence and injuries and research the best ways to prevent them, applying sci-

ence and creating real-world solutions to keep people safe, healthy, and productive," its website states.

Its mission has never included advocacy, Rosenberg said in an interview last week.

The Dickey Amendment, combined with the funding cut, had a chilling effect on federally funded firearms research, Rosenberg said.

Believing — with good

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Deadly crash in Mexico quake zone



AP/LUIS ALBERTO CRUZ HERNANDEZ

A crashed helicopter sits on a van Saturday in Santiago Jimitepec in Mexico's Oaxaca state. Thirteen people were killed and 16 injured, all of them on the ground, when the military helicopter carrying officials assessing damage from an earthquake crashed Friday into a group of people who were spending the night outside in fear of aftershocks.

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